



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risks of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age; and
- WHEREAS: Geneticists estimate that as many as one million people across the United States, or one in every 279 persons, are living with Lynch syndrome. Studies also show that only 5 to 10 percent of affected individuals have been properly diagnosed, leaving them especially vulnerable to developing cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Each individual will benefit from knowing his or her family medical history and sharing it with a physician to determine personal and familial risks for hereditary cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and
- WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, leading to earlier cancer detection and treatment. Following a positive test, affected individuals should receive regular cancer screenings so that growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS: On Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome and to encourage all Georgia residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect family history information, and to share it with their health care provider to better assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018, as LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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